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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Proposed Substitute Unit Well at an Exceptional Location
and Alternate Unit Well
Q Sand, Reservoir A, SUA
GRAND BAY FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Application is hereby made on behalf of Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. for the calling of a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Q RA SUA, located in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, created by Office of Conservation No. 80-CCC, effective August 22, 1995.

1. To designate the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - S.L. 195 QQ No. 192 Well (S.N. 211476) located in Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 19 East, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as a substitute unit well at an exceptional location.

2. To designate the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - S.L. 195 QQ No. 22 Well (S.N. 029787) located in Section 8, Township 20 South, Range 19 East, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, as an alternate unit well.

3. To permit the operator to produce the unit allowable from the proposed substitute unit well, the proposed alternate unit well, or from both wells, at its option.

4. To continue in full force and effect the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 80-CCC and the existing unit created thereby, except as herein specified.

5. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The present unit well, the Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - S.L. 195 QQ No. 79 Well (S.N. 065871) ceased to produce from the Q Sand in August, 1995. The designation of a substitute unit well and an alternate unit well is therefore necessary and in the interest of conservation to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the Q RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within such unit.

The Q Sand, Reservoir A, in the Grand Bay Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, was fully defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 80-CCC, effective August 22, 1995.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof a plat identifying the subject unit created by Conservation Order No 80-CCC, along with the location of the proposed substitute unit well and the location of the proposed alternate unit well. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, a list of names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom this application is being sent is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. However, the list will be provided to any party requesting a copy. A diligent effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

Finally there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant, Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc., in the sum of \$755.00 payable to the Office of Conservation and representing the required hearing application fee.

Sincerely,

LEON E. COMEAUX & ASSOCIATES



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Enclosures

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Interested Parties, Interested
Owners and Represented Parties

